

# June Lesson Ideas

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of June

#### June Book Ideas

Refer to the <u>TeachingBooks Literary Calendar</u> for curricular connections and birthday and holiday celebrations.

Grades	Title	Themes	Possibilities or Choose Your Own
PreK-2	My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero and Zeke Peña	Picture Book   Realistic Fiction   Latino/US	<ul> <li>Ask readers to share what their family members are good at after reading <u>My</u> <u>Papi Has a Motorcycle</u>. You can also read from Google Preview to start the discussion.</li> <li>Build additional connections with other books about food in the city such as <u>Chef</u> <u>Roy Choi</u> or <u>Harlem Grown</u>.</li> <li>Use the share tools to send <u>activity sheets</u> from Zeke Peña to parents.</li> <li>Provide paper and writing materials for children to create a map of their neighborhood using the guidance of the <u>activity ideas</u> from the Texas Library Association.</li> </ul>
	*Also available in Spanish		
	Plenty of Hugs by Fran Manushkin and Kate Alizadeh	Picture Book   Realistic Fiction   LGBTQ+	<ul> <li>Brainstorm a list of items that might be seen on a bike ride.</li> <li>View the <u>complete book reading</u> of <i>Plenty of Hugs</i>. Stop the video at 5:05.</li> <li>Select "Discover Like Books" on the <u>book page</u> to find books that are related by subject, such as "Mother and ChildFiction" and narrow to PreK-2.</li> <li>Consider additional selections from <u>complete book readings</u> like <i>Bedtime for Sweet Creatures</i>, read by the illustrator, Elizabeth Zunon.</li> </ul>
1-5	How I Learned Uri Shulevitz Uri Shulevitz	Picture Book   Immigrant/Refugee   Historical Fiction	<ul> <li>Prompt thinking with the <u>teacher's guide</u> from Storyline Online.</li> <li>Watch the <u>complete book reading</u> of <i>How I Learned Geography</i>.</li> <li>Create a writing/research activity where students research and draw a landmark using the <u>activity guide</u> from Storyline Online.</li> <li>Discover Shulevitz's illustration technique by listening to this <u>Meet-the-Author Recording</u>.</li> </ul>



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1-5	Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan and Anna Bron	Picture Book   Realistic Fiction   Middle Eastern	<ul> <li>Prepare for storytime with the <u>lesson plan</u> from Annick Press.</li> <li>Initiate discussion using this <u>book reading</u>.</li> <li>Invite readers to share food and recipes their families enjoy.</li> <li>Use the share link to send home the <u>recipe</u> from Kids Can Press.</li> </ul>
4-8	THE Best Man by Richard Peck	Realistic Fiction  LGBTQ+   Weddings	<ul> <li>Learn about "small-town life, gay marriage, and everyday heroes" with resources for <u>The Best Man</u>.</li> <li>Dig deeper into the story with the <u>reader's theater script</u>.</li> <li>Ask students to use the <u>Discover Like Books</u> tool to find a related book. Invite students to use Google Preview and Audiobook Excerpts to write a one-sentence book hook for what they selected.</li> </ul>
	Carl Miaasen by Carl Hiaasen	Mystery   Science   Humor	<ul> <li>Introduce the author of <i>Hoot</i> to readers by sharing the <u>Meet-the-Author</u> <u>Recording</u>.</li> <li>Listen to the <u>book reading</u> then ask students to imagine how they think the characters' relationship might develop.</li> <li>Go on a wildlife scavenger hunt using the <u>lesson plan</u> from Walden Media.</li> <li>With inspiration from the novel, allow students to research endangered wildlife in their area.</li> </ul>



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#### June Author Study Ideas

Eric Carle: Author Study	PreK-2	<ul> <li>Sort bug pictures into 3 columns using guidance from the <u>lesson plan</u> by Hubbard's Cupboard.</li> <li>Celebrate Eric Carle's June birthday with a <u>complete book reading</u> of <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i></li> <li>Paint pictures of butterflies after watching the <u>butterfly painting</u> video from Puffin Books.</li> <li>Create a caterpillar puppet with inspiration from the <u>puppet making activity</u> from Oregon Children's Theater.</li> </ul>	
	1-5	<ul> <li>Discover Eric Carle's process for creating illustrations in this <u>video interview</u>.</li> <li>View the <u>complete book reading</u>, in American Sign Language and English, of <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>What do You See</i>?.</li> <li>Investigate collage making with the <u>collage activity</u> from Puffin Books for <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar and</i> the <u>teacher resource</u> from Macmillan for <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>What do You See</i>?.</li> <li>Spark discussion about what a visit to the moon might look like after viewing the complete book readings of <i>Papa</i>, <i>Please Get the Moon for Me</i>, and <i>A Moon of My Own</i>.</li> </ul>	
	4-8	<ul> <li>Celebrate Eric Carle's birthday by reading and exploring his collection of <u>books</u>.</li> <li>Learn more about Eric Carle and his writing journey with these <u>interviews</u>.</li> <li>Show the video <u>interview</u> from Beyond Books to learn about Carle's journey as a writer and artist, then provide materials for students to create their own collages.</li> <li>Practice reading aloud with expression like authors do in this <u>Meet-the-Author Movie</u>.</li> </ul>	